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C O N F I D E N T I A L LOURENCO MARQUES 0068

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PINS, MZ

SUBJECT: PCN'S JOANA SIMIAO

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 928

1. ON JANUARY 20, WE RECEIVED BY MESSENGER FOLLOWING NOTE
FROM PCN'S JOANA SIMIAO (SHE GAVE US CODE NAME GIBSON BEFORE
SHE WAS JAILED IN LOURENCO MARQUES):

QUOTE: GIBSON WILL SOON BE IN NELSPRUIT (SOUTH AFRICAN TOWN
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NEAR BORDER). GIBSON WAS VISITED BY MABOTE AND CHIPANDE

(FRELIMO MEMBERS OF MIXED MILITARY COMMISSION). DISSATIS-
FACTION WITH DISTRIBUTION OF TOP POSITIONS SENDING ALL NORTH
OF ZAMBEZI, CREATED TACTICAL ALLIANCE. RACISM AGAINST MULAT-
TOES, CIVILIZED BLACKS, AND WHITES HAS BROUGHT THOUSANDS OF
ADHERENTS TO GIBSON'S GROUP. EXAMPLE OF ANGOLA SERVED TO
SPARK THE FEARFUL. THERE WILL BE NEWS EARLY NEXT MONTH. END
QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NOT CLEARLY STATED, WE GATHER SIMIAO
CLAIMS SUPPORT OF CHIPANDE, HIGHEST RANKING MACONDE IN
FRELIMO HIERARCHY AND WELL-REGARDED MILITARY LEADER. "SENDING
ALL TO NORTH" MAY REFER TO CERTAIN MACONDE MEMBERS OF FRELIMO,
INCLUDING SECOND-RANKING FRELIMO MACONDE RAIMUNDO PACHINUAPA,
WHO WAS NAMED GOVERNOR OF CABO DELGADO. BOTH CHIPANDE AND
PACHINUAPA WERE DEMOTED AFTER REPORTED ATTEMPTED COUP
AGAINST SAMORA MACHEL IN EARLY 1972 (SEE LOURENCO MARQUES
454 OF JULY 20, 1972) AND, IF GENUINELY DISAFFECTED NOW,
COULD CONCEIVABLY COMBINE WITH MACUA FOR ANOTHER CHALLENGE
AGAINST PRESENT FRELIMO LEADERSHIP, WHICH IS PREDOMINANTLY
SOUTHERN. HOWEVER, FROM PAST EXPERIENCE, SIMIAO'S CLAIMS OFTEN
BASED ON WISHFUL THINKING. NEVERTHELESS, SINCE SECURITY AT
MACHAVA APPEARS LAX, WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF SHE
MANAGED TO ESCAPE.
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